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45th Allandale Annual 4th of July Parade

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And bring your friends too
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Come on out for some fun in the sun.*

The Allandale Neighborhood Association (ANA) extends an invitation to all friends and neighbors to join in the festivities for the 45th Annual Independence Day Parade. On Monday July 4th, parade participants will begin gathering at 8:30 a.m. at the corner of White Rock and Bullard Drive. Once the parade begins at 9 a.m., participants will travel down Bullard to Gullett Elementary School. The cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Brownie Troops will lead off the parade, followed by "Big Red," our neighborhood antique fire truck, decorated wagons, bicycles, tricycles, strollers, pets, children, big kids, antique cars, other cars and floats.

Awards will be presented at the end of the parade route at Gullett Elementary where we will also have speakers, free refreshments, music and singing. This is the oldest and largest neighborhood 4th of July parade in Austin. Elected officials have been invited and hundreds of people will line



the streets as spectators.

The award categories for the parade will include Best Bicycle, Best Tricycle, Best Stroller, Best Wagon, Best Exotic Pet, Best Pet, Best Costume, Youngest, Best Float, Best Patriotic costume, Most Unusual, Best Costume and Judges Award. Also this year awards will be given for the Yard Contest. Categories are: 1) Most colorful 2) Best Zeroscaping 3) Most Patriotic 4) Absolutely Gorgeous. Please send your nominations for the Yard Contest by mail to 1800 Justin Ln., Austin, TX 78757 or by email to llravenck@yahoo.com. The deadline for nominations is June 15, 2005.

Besides the free refreshments there will be treats for sale. Among others, we expect Jim-Jim Water Ice to sell popsicles and the Taco Shack to provide breakfast tacos. You will find this and more on the school grounds at Gullett Elementary. So come out, bring your chairs and plan to stay and enjoy the festivities!

Parade coordinators this year are Linda Raven and Kathleen Hopkins. We welcome your participation in the form of suggestions and/or parade volunteering. We are in need of individuals and teams to help with judging, presentations, refreshment contributions, decorating and much much more! Please call 451-4890 with interest or email llravenck@yahoo.com. We look forward to sharing the neighborhood fun with you. ❖

Subscribe to Allandale's Yahoo! newsgroup!



All Allandale residents are invited to join the neighborhood email forum to share ideas, ask or answer questions, seek or give advice and receive neighborhood updates. Give it a try. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/allandale/> to sign up. Click on "Join This Group" then follow instructions. Contact Paul Nagy at pdnagy@alumni.utexas.net with any questions.

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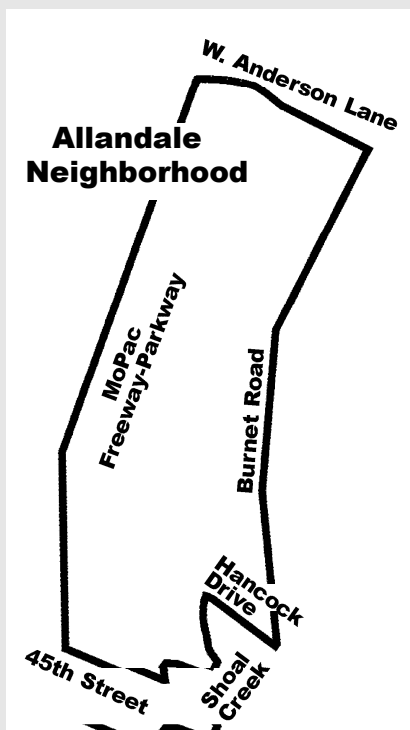
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The Executive Committee meets the fourth
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Meetings are open to the public.

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Save on Your Energy Bill

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Perhaps you went over your Christmas budget.... or you are trying to save more for your toward home improvement or retirement. Below are some energy-saving tips that will also save you \$\$\$.

You may be wondering why we concentrate on \$\$-saving tips on heating and cooling, rather than water heaters and light bulbs. The reason is that your heating and air conditioning costs are about 66 percent of your annual energy costs. The next largest is your water heater and lighting at less than 10 percent each. That is why even small savings on heating and cooling add up all year long and year after year to pay back to costs for new equipment or labor.

One of the easiest ways to be energy efficient is to ensure your attic has at least six inches of insulation in good condition. Some houses were first insulated in the 1960s or 1970s with only a couple of inches of fiberglass. Others were insulated with blown-in, loose fiberglass. The loose material has settled over the years and doesn't provide sufficient insulation in either winter or the long, hot summer.

You can check on line or go to your favorite home improvement store to find out how much insulation you need. If you dress to protect yourself from the fiberglass and are careful not to step through the ceiling, you can roll out the insulation bats yourself this Spring while it is still cool in the attic. Otherwise, there are many contractors who will do the work for you. The added insulation will soon pay for itself by lowering your heating and cooling bills. There are calculators available on line to help you calculate the number of months before the savings pay for the materials and labor to insulate the ceiling.

Adjust your home thermostat two degrees cooler in winter and two degrees warmer to save 24 kilowatt hours a month. The chart below summarizes the cost of electricity in Austin in November 2003. In the summer each kilowatt hour (Kwh)

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costs nearly 16 cents; in winter each kWh costs about 14 cents.

First 500 kilowatts 5.8¢ per kilowatt hour (kWh)
Additional kilowatts (May-Oct.) 10¢ per kWh
Additional kilowatts (Nov.-Apr.) 8.3¢ per kWh

Saving 24 kWh per month saves you \$3.84 per month in summer and \$3.36 per month in winter. That will add up to \$43 per year, every year, and costs you nothing. Adding a free programmable thermostat from Austin Energy will save even more because you can reduce heating and cooling costs during the hours you are asleep or away at work, but still have the house pleasant while you are home and busy.

Austin Energy also has an energy audit program that helps you find other fuel saving measures like caulking cracks, weather stripping doors, and perhaps replacing your heater, air conditioner or water heater with a more efficient model.

Austin Energy's web site has a calculator available to help you determine how much you can save by upgrading your heating and cooling appliances or using cooler florescent light bulbs. Check it out—you may even be eligible for a rebate! ❖

Got a Rescue Dog? Strut Your Stuff on July 4th!!


Cheryl Silver, csilver2@austin.rr.com, (512) 454-7219

Are you a rescue-dog owner? Let's join together to strut through Allandale at the 4th of July Parade! We can walk as a group and hold up a sign or two proclaiming that we

have wonderful rescue dogs.

If you would like to join us, please call Cheryl Silver at 454-7219 so we can get an idea of how many will be participating. Also, please encourage your neighbors who have rescue dogs to join us.

I will be walking two dogs: one is a rescue and one is not a rescue (who walks with me every year and would be heartbroken to be left behind). If anyone has any ideas on how to further show our pride, I'd love to hear them! ❖



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Dog Talk: Things Change

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Dogs are not static creatures. People expect, and are generally tolerant of, problematic behaviors with a very young dog.

Once past their youthful silliness, we will still see changes in dogs' behavior. Some of these changes are part of the normal aging process, but others have medical underpinnings. People tend to be accepting and tolerant of some changes (weight gain, lethargy, lack of interest in things that used to interest the dog) but far less tolerant of others (accidents in the house, snapping at people). Fortunately, some of these less desirable behaviors have their origins in areas that can be addressed relatively easily.

Changes in Temperament, Growling and Snapping: I often hear from people who are concerned about changes in their dog's personality.

Hypothyroidism: This is a very common health condition in dogs that shows up in various ways. Some dogs with hypothyroidism simply gain weight and appear to have low energy. Other ways it shows up is with poor coat quality, scratching and chewing on itself, heat-seeking behavior, and weight loss may show up. But, the dog may also start snapping at people and pets it always used to like, fighting with other dogs. If hypothyroidism is the basis for this behavior, once the dog is on daily supplementation, it should go right back to being the sweet dog it always was. The medication is very inexpensive—I get it online for my 50 lb. Airedale mix and I pay about \$35 for a supply that lasts 1 ½ years! Please get in touch with me if you would like to talk more about this.

Changes in Vision: Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA) is a fairly common condition in many breeds and even mixed

breed dogs. It can be detected when the dog is fairly young but over time, the dog starts losing night vision, then peripheral vision and eventually he may lose all vision. Dogs are so adaptable that many people do not realize their dog is losing vision or is completely blind! But a dog that is losing peripheral vision may snap when approached from the side because he is startled and becomes defensive. This condition is not treatable, but if you know your dog has it, all you have to do is talk to your dog as you approach and the dog will be put at ease.

Deafness: A dog that is going deaf may be easily startled and may snap out of defensiveness. You can address it easily.

Pain: A dog that has a fractured tooth, an ear infection or painful arthritis may snap when touched in a sensitive area. There is a strong survival drive in dogs to conceal their disabilities lest they could be seen as prey. Be proactive and check on your dog's health regularly.

Urinary tract infection: UTIs are very common illnesses. It is the first thing I recommend people have checked out when the accidents are always related to urination. Antibiotics take care of the problem. The spots where the dog did urinate need to be cleaned with an enzymatic cleaner such as Nature's Miracle.

Spay incontinence: Some dogs develop problems with leaking urine after being spayed. This problem often shows up by the dog leaking urine as she sleeps, causing the dog's bed or blanket to end up wet. Inexpensive medications can take care of this problem. I pay about \$30 for a two-year supply!

I would be happy to talk more in depth with anyone about these issues. Although I am not a veterinarian or a vet tech-

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nician, these issues are easily addressable. There is never any charge for my help. Call or email me anytime. ❖

the Annual Allandale Garage Sale to be held the first weekend in May. Gerry made the motion and Paul seconded it. ❖

ANA Executive Committee Meeting, Apr. 05

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There was a discussion of holding a Candidate's Forum the first Saturday in May, for the Allandale and Rosedale Neighborhood Associations. Instead of having the candidates come and make speeches, Gretchen suggested we have individuals state problems our neighborhoods are encountering and then have the candidates respond to the neighborhood-specific concerns. Paul made the motion to host the Candidate Forum in March, Gerry seconded.

Gretchen said that Roger Beasley would be selling its property on the west side of Burnet Road. She is contacting them for input on future owners and what would be acceptable to the neighborhood.

There was a discussion of city crews picking up ANA meeting signs.

"It's My Park! Day" is coming up and Paul motioned that ANA participate by working to clean up the bank of Shoal Creek from 2222 to 45th Street. Gerry seconded the motion. (See article pages 18 and 19.)

Gretchen discussed placing an ad with the newspaper for



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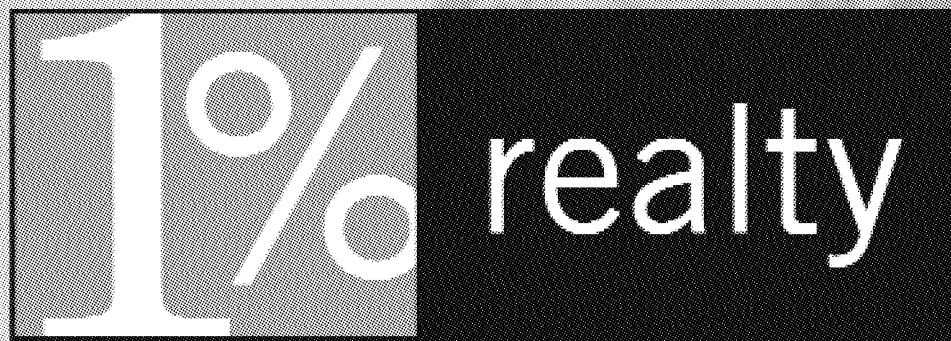
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Gullet Elementary Update

Deanna Goodson, dgoodson@austin.rr.com

We can't believe it, but another successful school year has come and gone at Gullett. The biggest news is that we've had to say good-bye to a dear friend. Yes, our faithful, dedicated and hard-working principal of the past six years, Mr. Sandford "Sandy" Leibick is moving on. We will miss his smile, his warmth, and his great ability for making everyone—child and adult alike—feel special. Thank you, Mr. Leibick, for all you've done for the Gullett community during your tenure.

Here are a few other announcements of what's going on at Gullett as we gear up for the 2005/6 school year:

Janie Ruiz will be replacing Mr. Leibick. She's been principal at Becker Elementary and we know she'll bring a great energy and spirit to the Gecko campus. If you see here, welcome her to Gullett!

Our April fundraiser was a great success. We had wonderful food from Carabbas. Yum. There was music, moonwalks, and a lot of fun for Gecko families. We also had a silent auction and raffle, which allowed lots of people to take home great prizes and goodies.

Each year, we recycle aluminum cans, printer cartridges/toners, cell phones and paper. We also collect Box Tops for Education, and take part in fund-raising programs with Target, Randall's and HEB. We happily accept donations from our neighbors. Contact our main office at 414-2082 for more information.

Would you like to advertise your business in the Gullett directory for the coming school year? For as little as \$25.00, your ad can reach hundreds of families and neighborhood friends! Contact Lisa Watson at 302-4085. ♦

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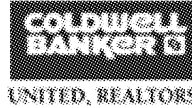
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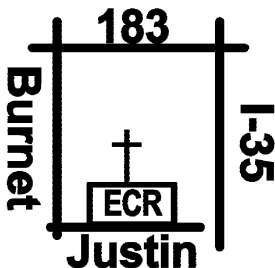
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Murders: 1

4700 block of Harmon Ave. All three suspects have been arrested.

Rapes: 4

One occurred outside the Area Command, one occurred at Austin State Hospital, one was declined prosecution, and one victim refused to cooperate. Three of the four suspects were acquaintances.

Sexual Assaults: 6

One case was at Shoal Creek. One was reported at Seton Hospital but occurred somewhere else, one case was reported at Highland Mall but occurred elsewhere. Three cases have known suspects, one case involved an anonymous caller reporting suspicious activity.

Robberies: 6

Four were of individuals, one a cleaners, and one a shoplifting gone bad. Two cases cleared with an arrest, and two suspects have suspects. None appear related.

Aggravated Assault: 9

None were family-violence related. Two of the nine were cleared with an arrest and three have known suspects. Two

cases involved alcohol, two cases involved transients, and two cases involved road rage.

Burglary: 44

One was of a garage, and one was attempted. Two cases had the suspects take the keys and stealing the vehicles. This month saw a trend where the victim knew the suspect. There were five arrest and one warrant issued. Eight other cases involved the victim thinking he or she knew the suspect. Five cases were ex-boyfriend related. One of the hotspots is in our neighborhood, stretching about a block east and west of Woodrow Ave. between Romeria Dr. and W. St John's Ave.

Non-Residential Burglaries: 18

Twelve of businesses, four sheds/detached garages/self storage units, one flea market booth, and one vacant house. Two of the businesses were medical offices.

Auto Thefts: 22

Two were cleared with a arrest, two have suspects, one was attempted, two were crack rentals, and two repossessed, four were stolen from dealerships. Thirteen have been recovered. None were stripped, but one was found set on fire in Fredricksburg. (FYI: A crack rental occurs when a crack user will exchange his vehicle and if that person does not return the vehicle in the specified time, he calls 311 to make the report.)

Burglary of Vehicles: 120

Our neighborhood had the dubious distinction of being the highest-number district. No real hotspots are apparent,



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but businesses along Burnet Rd. were targeted. Dallas Nite Club had a several vehicles in one night get hit. Northcross Mall had a cluster too. Highland Mall and the hotels along I-35 were prime targets.

I can't emphasize enough: lock your doors, take your keys and hide your belongings. Please remind loved ones who come in to visit and stay in any hotel/motel about this problem. If you go to a parking lot at night, try to park under a light. Try not to park between two vehicles larger than yours.

Note: Unless otherwise stated these numbers are sector wide. The sector's border is Anderson to I-35 east of Lamar Blvd. West of Lamar it's Anderson Lane to Mopac. Go south on Mopac to Far West, then go west again to the city limits. The East border is I-35 southbound. Our south border is the area above UT to Mopac; west of Mopac it's Lake Austin Blvd. Our west border is the city limits. ❖

45th Street Reconstruction— Division Drive to Airport Blvd.

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The recommendation for council action for the reconstruction of 45th Street from Division Drive (west of Mopac) to Airport Boulevard was presented to City Council April 7, 2005. The Council accepted the recommendation. The City's General Contractor started work in late April of this year. The project, as proposed, will include:

Utility Upgrades

- Placid to Burnet—New 12" water line
- Burnet to Lamar—New 16" water line
- Lamar to Airport—New 16" water line
- Lamar to Airport—New 8" waste water line

Street Reconstruction

- Division to Lamar
- Excavate 17" of existing road, lime 8" of subgrade, install 17" of new Asphalt

Lamar to Airport Improvements

- Excavate 20" of existing road, rework 6" of subgrade, install 20" of new Asphalt

Sidewalk Improvements

- Highland Terrace to Burnet—New sidewalk to be installed along north side of 45th Burnet to Airport
- Repair/replacement to existing sidewalk along one or both sides of 45th

One-third of the street width will be reconstructed in each phase of the project. One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained at all times. Phasing is scheduled as follows:

Utilities will start concurrently at both Lamar Blvd. and Airport Blvd. and proceed to the west.

Street Reconstruction—Work will start concurrently at Lamar and Airport and proceed to the west. Lamar to Division will include Phase 1: Lamar to Burnet; Phase 2: Burnet to Shoal Creek Blvd.; Phase 3: Shoal Creek Blvd. to Bull Creek; Phase 4: Bull Creek to Division. Airport to Lamar will include Phase 5: Airport to Speedway; Phase 6: Speedway to Lamar. ❖

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Adult butterflies feed on nectar, gathering it from flowers. Larvae, or caterpillars, feed on plant foliage, so if you do not like to have your plants eaten by insects, butterfly gardening may not be for you.

Some larvae feed only on particular plants. The following is a list to help you with your plant selection:

Adult butterflies need a source of nectar in the garden. The following is a list of plants they might like:

Butterfly	Plant
Monarch butterfly	milkweed, butterfly weed
Queen butterfly	milkweed
Viceroy	cottonwood, poplar, willow
Black swallowtail	parsley, dill, fennel
Spicebush swallowtail	picebush, sweet bay, sassafras
Pipevine swallowtail	Dutchman's pipevine
Giant swallowtail	citrus, Hercules club
Brazilian skipper	canna
Brush-footed butterflies	nettles, thistles
Hairstreak butterflies	pecans, walnuts
Gulf fritillary	passionflower vines
Giant purple hairstreak	mistletoe
Gray hairstreak	legumes
Question mark	hackberry, elm
Texas crescent	shrimp plant, dicliptera, ruellia
Painted lady	hollyhock, thistles
Buckeye	plantain, snapdragon

Plant name	Flower color
Asters	lavender, pink, purple, white
Blazing star	lavender
Butterfly bush	lavender, purple, white
Butterfly weed	orange, yellow
Cone flower	fuchsia
Flame bush	red-orange
Goldenrod	yellow
Ironweed	pink, purple
Lantana	combinations, lavender, orange, pink, white, yellow
Loosestrife	lavender
Mexican heather	lavender
Mexican milkweed	red-orange, yellow
Mexican mint marigold	yellow-orange
Mist flower	blue, white
Phlox	pink, purple, red, white
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Foster Lane New Sewer Line

Austin Clean Water Program

Tom Migl, Tom.Migl@ci.austin.tx.us, 479-1637

Construction of a new sewer line for Foster Lane to prevent sanitary sewer overflows will continue through early summer. Jay Reese Contractors is the contractor. Although the original completion date was Spring 2005, continuous rainy weather and an abundance of ground water delayed the project. The wet soil complicated construction by making the trench walls unstable. This made it necessary to close the street to through traffic to protect the public and construction workers as remedies to the wet soil were implemented.

The Austin Clean Water Program is a \$200 million program managed by the Austin Water Utility to repair and replace sewer lines across Austin to prevent sanitary sewer overflows. The Environmental Protection Agency has told Austin to repair and replace its aging sewer lines by December 2007 or face \$27,500 in penalties per incident per day. The Foster Lane project is one of more than 100 sanitary sewer line projects that will be constructed by the 2007 deadline.

For information about on-going construction projects throughout the city, including the Foster Lane project, please visit the city's construction awareness web site. To access this site, go to www.cityofaustin.org, then click on the "Foster Lane" project link. There will be a tab labeled "Routes & Closures," which shows a map of the site and specific road closures. The contractor will be providing final cleanup of the construction area.

For more information, contact the Foster Lane project manager, Tom Migl, at 479-1637 or e-mail him at Tom.Migl@ci.austin.tx.us. You may also contact the Austin Clean Water Program hotline at 684-3204. Thanks very

much for the patience and cooperation of the neighborhood throughout this challenging project. ❖

Assistance League of Austin

Linda Camden, lcamdenaus@aol.com, 453-8815

Assistance League of Austin has moved into its new home at 4901 Burnet Road! This award-winning Thrift House is twice the size it was at the previous location, about two miles farther north. There are expanded shopping opportunities and ample convenient parking.

Assistance League is a non-profit organization with no paid staff. They recycle donated goods into good deeds in the community. Their biggest project is Operation School Bell. Over 30,000 children in need have been provided a school wardrobe of new clothing over the last 20 years of this project. Other projects funded by Thrift House profits include Toy Cart at Children's Hospital, Bus With Us, Assault Survivor Kits, Occupational/Technical Scholarships and Preparation for Adult Living.

The building currently has some retail rental space available and will eventually also house the Operation School Bell project. Please come to 4901 Burnet Road to shop in the project's "upscale resale shop," donate quality used items, or find out about Assistance League of Austin's projects. We look forward to seeing you! ❖

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Melissa Knight, AIDS Services of Austin, Food Bank Coordinator,
(512) 406-6130

AIDS Services of Austin would like to say Thank You Allandale for making our April 3rd food drive a huge success! Over 2000 pounds of quality food, personal hygiene products and household items were collected for the Helping Hands Food Pantry! Volunteers participating in Jewish Community Volunteer Day did a great job collecting and delivering donations to AIDS Services of Austin and volunteers at AIDS Services of Austin sorted and shelved the items for distribution to our clients. Special thanks to Phyllis Brinkley, Cathy Savage and the Allandale Neighborhood Association for your continued support. Together the Allandale community has made a difference! ❖

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Beth Donnelly, bd2004@earthlink.net

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Featured Needs

- Two couches in good condition delivered to the SafePlace Shelter to replace broken couches in common living areas. Call Gabriel or Erin at 356-1676 to arrange delivery
- 30-50 pocket calculators for life skills workshop series on money management

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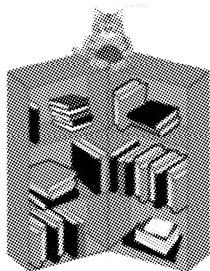
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- Pull-ups and diapers sizes 4, 5, 6
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Highland Park Elementary School Invites All NEW Students and Their Parents

The 2005-2006 New Student Registration will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd at 8:30 a.m.

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- Child's Social Security card
- Original birth certificate (not hospital certificate)

- Current immunization record
- Parent/guardian proof of residency (utility bill with physical address will suffice)
- Parent/guardian driver's license or photo ID
- Transfer form (if applicable)

If possible, please make copies of all items listed above prior to registration.

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White Horse Trail Wastewater Improvement Project

Crispin Ruiz, (512) 448-4459; Roman Grijalva, (512) 479-1622

The Austin Clean Water Program held an information meeting for residents and property owners regarding the White Horse Trail Wastewater Improvements project. The meeting was Thursday, April 14, at St. John's Methodist Church, 2140 Allandale Road.

The Austin Clean Water Program, a \$200-million initiative managed by the Austin Water Utility, provided this information so that you will be aware of these improvements. ACWP is inspecting, repairing and replacing sewer lines in a community-wide enterprise to prevent sanitary sewer overflows (SSPs), which pose serious environmental and public health concerns.

Here are the recommended improvements:

1. Installation of 1410 linear feet of 8-inch wastewater main in a Shoal Creek tributary that runs between Bull Creek Road and Woodview Avenue, from White Rock Drive to north of White Horse Trail.
2. Stabilization of approximately 860 linear feet of both banks of a Shoal Creek tributary that runs between Bull Creek Road and Woodview Avenue, from White Rock Drive to north of White Horse Trail.

Please feel free to contact Roman Grijalva, project manager, at 479-1622, if you have any questions. ❖



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Outside

- Inspect foundation for mud tubes. Foundations should have 6-8 inches exposed for visual inspection.
- Inspect around garages, porches, patios, sidewalks.
- Check for standing water or moist soil next to the structure. These areas should be corrected so moisture does not sit near the structure.
- Check window and door frames, pipe penetrations.
- Inspect roof eaves and gutters for leaks.
- Inspect siding for decay or rot.
- Check all wood to soil contact for termites or mud tubes.
- If house on pier-and-beam foundation, inspect crawl space area for mud tubes going up beams.

Inside

- Inspect baseboards, wood floors, window and door facings.
- Check any known expansion joints or cracks in the slab.
- Look for blistering of paint or wall surfaces.
- Inspect plumbing, including the bath trap. If there is no bath trap, cut an access to periodically inspect plumbing.
- Inspect attic for mud tubes, water leaks or wood rot. ❖

Commander's Forum Highlights

Caroline Reynolds, crsolns@texas.net, 454-8880

There have been 120 to 150 burglary of vehicles (BOVs) in central west Austin every month. These occur in malls along Anderson, in HEB parking lots and along our residential streets. Twenty-two cars have been stolen, four from dealerships. One was a bait car equipped with cameras and GPS. Thirteen cars were recovered (66%). Forty-four home burglaries occurred and 1400 traffic tickets were issued. ❖

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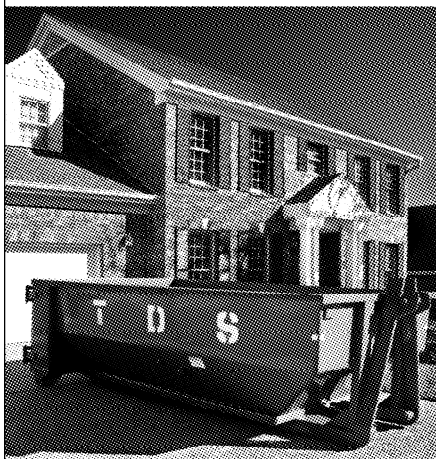
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Allandale Appetites

Alison Bogle, alisonbogle@hotmail.com

This is a wonderful appetizer or dip. It is easy, cheesy and great! Serve with crackers, toasted baguette slices, or vegetables. Leftovers (if there are any) can be used to top a pizza, along with mozzarella cheese and fresh tomato slices. They could also be used as a pasta sauce, chicken sauce, or even a pita sandwich filling.

If you have a favorite recipe that you'd like to share for an upcoming publication, you can email it to me. If you'd prefer, you can also mail your recipe to me at 5714 Marilyn Drive. Please include your name and telephone number so that I may contact you to learn the story surrounding your recipe, or feel free to just include the story with your recipe.

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- 1/3 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 (14 ounce) can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
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- 1 tablespoon chopped pimento peppers

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Lightly grease a medium baking dish.

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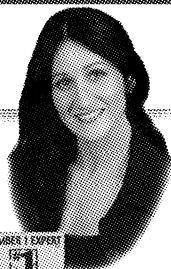
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It's My Park! Day

Paul Nagy, It's My Park! Day Host,

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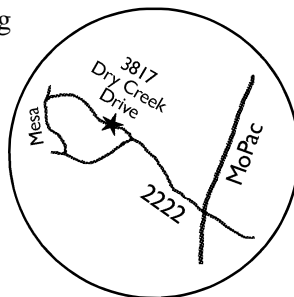
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